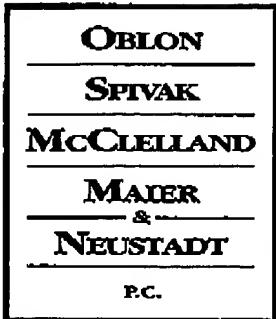


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For: POROUS PREFORM VITRIFICATION APPARATUS

Due Date: December 23, 2003

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- Request for Extension of Time (3 Months)
- Amendment After Final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
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The changes and/or modifications made include the following:

Figure 1 has been amended to include the legend "Prior Art."

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